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SUBJECT: MEDICAL FINDINGS OF INVESTIGATION AT JONESTOWN
THERE FOLLOWS REPORT BY TWO MEDICAL OFFICERS WHO VISITED
JONESTOWN NOVEMBER 21, 1978:
QUOTE: SUBJECT: MEDICAL FINDINGS OF INVESTIGATION OF BODIES
AND DRUGS AT JONESTOWN, GUYANA, ON NOVEMBER 21, 1978.
OUR FINDINGS AFTER APPROXIMATELY 5 HOURS OF INVESTIGATIONS
AT JONESTOWN TODAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:
1. BODIES ARE EXTREMELY DECOMPOSED AND IMPOSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY
BY VISUAL RECOGNITION.
2. LACERATIONS OF LIPS AND TONGUE AND BLOOD FLOWING FROM
THE MOUTH ARE EVIDENT.
3. NO EVIDENCE OF STRUGGLES OR VIOLENCE OBSERVED AT SCENE
EXCEPT AS INDICATED IN PARA 4.
4. MR. JONES APPARENTLY DIED FROM A SELF-INFLICTED GUNSHOT
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WOUND. A YOUNG WOMAN IDENTIFIED AS HIS WIFE HAD PART
OF HER HEAD BLOWN OFF BY A GUNSHOT WOUND.
5. A NUMBER OF BOTTLES OF POTASSIUM CYANIDE AND CHLORAL
HYDRATE AND KOOL AID PACKETS WERE NOTED NEAR A LARGE
MIXING CONTAINER. ALTHOUGH CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF THE
CONTAINER CONTENTS OR OF STOMACH CONTENTS WAS NOT
PERFORMED, THE FINDINGS OF THE APPARENTLY CONVULS-
ING INDIVIDUALS IS CONSISTENT WITH POISONING BY
THESE AGENTS.
6. MANY USED SYRINGES WERE OBSERVED AT THE SCENE.
7. AN EXTREMELY LARGE SUPPLY OF OTHER DRUGS WERE FOUND
AT THE SCENE OF MIXING AND IN 3 OTHER BUILDINGS
IN THE PREMISES. THE DRUGS INCLUDED LARGE SUPPLIES
OF VALIUM, DEMEROL, THORAZINE, OTHER PSYCHOTROPHIC
DRUGS, ETC. ETC. THE SUPPLY OF DRUGS AVAILABLE
APPEARED TO BE FAR IN EXCESS OF NORMAL NEEDS OF A
POPULATION THE SIZE OF JONESTOWN.
8. ESTIMATION OF NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS IS APPROXIMATELY
600. THIS NUMBER IS ARRIVED AT BY COUNTING 40
BUILDINGS WITH APPROXIMATELY 15 BEDS EACH.
9. TWO HOSPITAL UNITS CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 12 BEDS
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EACH WERE NOTED. APPROXIMATELY 6 DEAD INDIVIDUALS WERE OBSERVED IN EACH OF THESE UNITS. MEDICAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDED A PORTABLE X-RAY, EKG MACHINE, DEFIBRILLATOR, AUTOCLAVE, AND MINIMAL EQUIPMENT FOR URINALYSIS, HEMATOLOGY, AND CHEMISTRY.
CONCLUSION: INDIVIDUALS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MR. AN MRS. JONES DIED BY CYANIDE AND CHLORAL HYDRATE
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POISONING BY SUICIDE. IDENTIFICATION (FURTHER) CAN ONLY BE MADE BY DENTAL RECORDS.
RECOMMENDATIONS: WE RECOMMEND THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS BE BURIED AT JONESTOWN AND NOT BE REMOVED. NO HEALTH PROBLEM WAS APPARENT AND THEY SHOULD POSE NO POTENTIAL HEALTH PROBLEM TO THE GUYANESE.
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